The Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)

Highlights of 2015/2016

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What is THE PEP?

• Policy framework established in 2002
• Promote green and healthy mobility and transport in the European Region
• Three sectors – T, H and E
• UNECE Sustainable Transport/Environment Divisions and WHO Regional Office for Europe
2015 THE PEP Symposium
To reduce emissions of transport-related greenhouse gases, air pollutants and noise

• Transport related air pollutants and noise had effects on health and the climate BUT
• Air pollution did not have to be the price to pay for economic progress
• The ECE region faces progresses and challenges
• Has regulatory frameworks governing noise and air pollution (ex. Air Convention, Transport Conventions, European Union regulations
• More support is needed to local authorities/mayors
• THE PEP should continue its good work, increasing communication, monitoring tools and facilitate knowledge exchange between and within countries
2016 THE PEP Symposium
Contributing to economic development and stimulating job creation through investment in environment and health-friendly transport

• Considered the rationales (health, environment, economic, political perspective) for investment in environment and health friendly active transport → special attention to cycling

• Current cycling policy approaches

• Initial findings of the forthcoming joint report of UNEP, WHO and UNECE → Riding towards the green economy: cycling and green jobs

• Trends in the UNECE-WHO European Region in investments and financing that contribute to the achievement of sustainable transport through cycling

• THE PEP to broaden evidence base for cycling as means of transport; advocate for cycling-friendly policies and green jobs; support member States with tools and training
Implementation mechanisms update

• The National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans → Russian version available; Serbia requested support for implementation; France announced mid-term review

• THE PEP Partnerships: second phase of Jobs in Green and Healthy Transport concluded; Austria reported on preparation of European Masterplan for Cycling in view of High-level Meeting (Vienna, 2019); FR and RF created partnership on goal 5

• Lithuania and Russian Federation updated on previous relay race workshops
Recent Developments: Batumi side event

- How THE PEP can contribute to moving towards a green economy
- THE PEP recognized as important product of member States and as example of how T,H and E can create tools to engage stakeholders to work together on sustainable mobility
THE PEP Relay Race workshops 2016 – Passing the baton to Petrozavodsk, Vienna and Vladivostok

• May Petrozavodsk (RF) Development of non-motorized modes of transport as an alternative to the use of personal vehicles in the RF

• July Vienna Decarbonisation – Zero emission mobility starts now!

• October Vladivostok (RF) Sustainable transport planning – a modern perspective for the solution of transport problems big cities and agglomerations
Upcoming activities

- Germany (Mannheim) to host the International Cycling Conference (19 - 21 September 2017)
- Within it, THE PEP Relay Race workshop (21 September)
- Initiation of preparations High-level Meeting (Vienna, 2019)
THE PEP Bureau -> towards Vienna

- **Transport**: Mr. Julien Fernandez (France); Mr. Vadim Donchenko (Russian Federation) and Mr. Matthias Rinderknecht (Switzerland);
- **Health**: Mr. François André (Belgium); Mr. Mihail Kochubovski (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia); Ms. Vigdis Ronning (Norway) and Mr. Ion Salaru (Republic of Moldova);
- **Environment**: Mr. Robert Thaler (Austria); Ms. Nino Tkhilava (Georgia) and Ms. Biljana Filipovic (Serbia).
Thank you for your attention!

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